

MALENKEE PRESENTS! 2017 NOTIFICATION

Dear Parents and Ballet Students:

I am very excited to announce our Malenkee Ballet Repertoire Company's Student Showcase:

Malenkee Presents! 2017 ***In the Alexandria Room at Edmond Town Hall*** ***On Thursday, June 1, 2016*** ***7 p.m.***

There will be a dress rehearsal from 5:00-6:30 p.m. before the show

I would like to note that this showcase is one of the prize possessions of our school. We are so blessed to have a program long-established in promoting the creative process among our students, one that enables them to develop their own artistic thumbprint on a piece of music, choreography, costuming, and staging unlike any piece that has ever come before it or will come after it. This project gives them a way to express their unique emotions, character, and talent as both choreographer and performer and gives their audience a window into their true form of self-expression and identity.

That being said, I take this project with the utmost seriousness and commitment. It is not a right that they have earned but rather a privilege, which they enjoy as committed members of this company. There are deadlines they must abide by to show that they too are taking this project seriously, planning ahead, and giving it the time needed for it to grow in detail, precision, excellence, imagination, and creativity. If I find that any dancer(s) are not taking the project with the utmost attention to these elements, I hope I have your support when it comes to making a decision about which pieces will be presented at the showcase, and to what degree, to represent the level of care and commitment by which this company operates. This process can teach so much in the way of leadership, initiative, time management, forethought, and dedication, all disciplines needed to be successful choreographers! I will make a point of giving them ample time in rehearsal on Fridays and extra studio hours during the week so that they feel they are adequately prepared for each deadline and so that they are also given adequate feedback and support wherever they need it along the journey!

The studio will be available at select times Monday through Friday afternoons so that they may rehearse in the studio as much or as little as needed, especially if they are working in a group. The studio will be open for these extra rehearsals beginning in March and extending through June. I hope they will use this resource!

Music selected & outline of dance with ideas for movements, staging: Friday, February 17th
Rough draft danced to music, costumes selected, choreography written: Friday, April 21st
Edited music, costume to studio, typed final choreography, & finished dance: Friday, May 19th
Dress rehearsal (in costume): Wednesday, May 31st 6:15-8:45 p.m.

Sign and return by December 21, 2016

Printed Name & Signature of Dancer: _____

Signature of Parent: _____